

Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

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Hello everyone

We have welcomed just over half of Year 6 into school this week. We have all of the measures in place for them. They are in 'bubbles' of less than 10, stay isolated from each other even at playtimes and lunchtime, and there are many, many hygiene procedures in place. Those still at home are mirroring some of the work being done in school, and we have plans for a recorded 'production' to be shared between them all so they have some final hurrah at the end of term!

Next week we will see two 'bubbles' of Year 1's start school at a staggered time to the Year 6's and with all of the safety measures in place. This is a learning curve for us as we establish these procedures and understand what might be possible in September.

The government is releasing information, but as yet we have no guidance on what is expected for September opening, and are working on some possible scenarios. We will do our very best to get all of the children in school by then, but making sure we can do it following all of the guidelines. Staff are busy working on creative ideas for socially distanced games, and teaching hygiene, please chat to your children to see if they have any ideas, too.

Other things going on in the background are that transition information continues to be shared with secondary schools and staff are doing training remotely with the local authority on phonics, English and subject leadership. Year 5 usually sit a test which determines their banding for secondary school in this term but that has been replaced, like most assessment, by teacher assessment (Reading) as reflected in their reports, which you have received.

As we have been in lockdown, many things will not happen this term such as Sports Day, Year 6 Graduation and Parents' Evenings, but we know this will end and look forward to making the most of it as we plan for getting back into school.

Very best wishes,

Sharon Taylor-Sezgin
Headteacher

Celebrating Home Learning

When the children return to school - and if it is safe to do so - they will be invited to bring in their home learning to share with their peers. This will be their exercise books and any other work, so please do save it for us to see.

New Classes and Teachers

We are hatching plans for the children to pop into school in small groups to spend perhaps an hour meeting their new teacher for September. This will happen in July and take place in the outdoor classroom following strict social distancing guidance.

We will let you know more as we work out the logistics.

Telephone Survey

We are very keen to understand how the offer we have put together for home learning has been working for EVERY family. This is really important especially as we may need to be continuing this in some form in September, or as we prepare for the fact that there may be a second wave of Covid -19.

Towards the end of next week and into the following week, every family will receive a call from a member of staff. They will run through a survey with you and the data collected will then be analysed. From this we will understand how to improve our home learning offer for our families and all of the differing circumstances you have found yourselves in. Please do take the time to do this, or if the time you receive the call is not convenient, let the caller know when to call back.

Remember: these calls may be from withheld numbers as some staff are shielding and working from home.